

Distinguished members of the education committee,

My name is Laura Carl and I reside in Barkhamsted, Connecticut. I am a parent, State of CT Surrogate parent and Special Education advocate. I have five children, two of which that have Dyslexia, Nicholas and Audriana. Due to the inability of their district to previously provide dyslexia instruction they needed, they both attended The Kildonan School as day students, which is about 1 hour each way from us.

Please note that I fully support HB 6517, AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE TO ANALYZE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWS GOVERNING DYSLEXIA INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING.

For the past several years, I've submitted testimony to legislators regarding dyslexia & advocated for change for students, staff & other professionals. In 2019-2020 I had the honor of being a parent representative for the Task Force to Analyze the Implementation of Laws Governing Dyslexia Instruction and Training Special Act 19-8. This was one of the most eye-opening experiences with some significant disappointments. Never in my life did I think that our state would pass laws that would seemingly go unfollowed as there is no follow through with their implementation.

That being said, I'm extremely hopeful for the recommendations that are in House Bill 6517, as they look to create necessary framework, guidance and accountability to support previous dyslexia legislation.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting the aforementioned bill and supporting the dyslexic learners and all readers in Connecticut.

Sincerely,
Laura Carl